

LITTLE WINGS

YOUR JOURNEY OUR MISSION

Bankstown
Sports

 **st.george**

Your local club

 **Hyundai
Help
for
Kids**

6,120

Passengers Transported

378

Families Helped

2,635

Journeys Completed

2,831,447

Kilometres Travelled In
The Air And On The
Ground

CATCHING UP WITH CLARE

With the weather heating up, so to is the recovery journey of Little Wings; having just completed our busiest quarter in 2020. During COVID, many children in desperate need of treatment were forced to postpone their procedures; of which are now resuming.

Over the coming months, and in hope of supporting as many children as possible, treatments will be administered either by seeking treatment through our standard services or via a unique partnership with John Hunter Children's Hospital, hosting pop up clinics across regional and rural NSW. An innovative program proudly supported by Newcastle Permanent Charitable Fund.

It has been a very difficult year, but we are proud to have continued flying amidst the uncertainty, remaining true to our mission to help disadvantaged families across regional NSW. This has only been made possible by our incredible partners, team of volunteers and each and every donor big or small. We at Little Wings remain positive about the future and hope to continue to ease the burden on struggling families.



ON THE RADAR

Since 2013, Mammoth Projects have been raising funds to support Little Wings via their Annual Charity Drive Day. Each year Mammoth Projects hires out Pheasant Wood Circuit, in Marulan, for an action packed day. The event begins at 8am and concludes around 4pm AEST. The event is filled with healthy competition, a passion for all things fast and a deep-seated commitment to doing more in the name of supporting families from the bush.

We are so grateful and humbled by such acts of generosity, particularly in 2020, where many businesses small and large have faced great financial burdens. The amazing team at Mammoth dug deep and delivered an exceptional event. With their incredible efforts, Little Wings are now able to service an additional 61 flights for families across Regional and Rural NSW. The impact this will have on so many communities across NSW is unmeasurable.

CEO Clare had this to say...

"The collaboration with Mammoth is a powerful demonstration of a not-for-profit and a corporate partner working together with the united goal to support families. As MAMMOTH combine their passions and networks, they have achieved great things and assisted many families and for this we could not be more grateful. With this one event, MAMMOTH and those participating in the race day, have changed the lives of families forever, leaving us humbled, inspired and motivated to do more. Thank you Mammoth"



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FAMILY MATTERS

Meet Lorelai, who at only two years of age was diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (LCH). LCH is a rare cancer affecting 1 in every 200,000 people and predominately only seen in children aged 1-3. Lorelai was a normal little girl until she developed a limp, within three days Lorelai had reverted back to crawling on her 2nd birthday. Six weeks later, and after several visits to the local GP and two hospitals, with countless examinations, scans, and blood tests doctors could not yet determine the cause of her illness. Needing more specialised examination she was sent to Newcastle's John Hunter Hospital. It is here a bone biopsy was conducted, a very difficult examination as Lorelai's bones had become so fragile, so much so that her left femur was placed in a hip-spica for eight weeks. She was then sent to Westmead Children's Hospital to undergo surgery on her femur, and this was the moment doctors confirmed she has LCH cancer.

The long journey began with six months of chemotherapy and steroid treatment, so intense that steroids were administered three times a day for the first three months. Brave little Lorelai began to learn to walk again with hydrotherapy and physiotherapy treatment. During this time the family also welcomed a new little brother, Henry, into the family. After a long journey, Lorelai finally rang the bell in the Oncology Ward in Westmead, with her scans showing she no longer required Chemotherapy.

She was a true inspiration, her gorgeous smile remaining on her face nearly the entire time throughout the immense treatment of bone biopsies, MRI's, nuclear scans, blood tests/transfusions and a whopping 14 general anaesthetics. Today, she is fully recovered and enjoying life with her little brother, only requiring scans every few months at Westmead Children's Hospital until she turns 18 years old. This sweet girl is a new-age super hero.



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FACTS ON THE FLY

- Little Wings has partnered with Shaw's Darwin Transport, who will spread awareness of our cause across NSW. The organisation proudly sports our logo on two of their freights that travel across NSW. The hope is that we can make more regional families familiar with our service so that they know where to turn in their time of need. Give them a toot when passing!
- Clubs NSW Western Metropolitan Region have presented Little Wings with the final instalment of their three year commitment. Their generous contribution will allow us to conduct over 66 missions, helping so many families in need. We also celebrate the announcement that they will continue their support of Little Wings over the coming years. It is long standing partnerships such as this that help us stabilise our service and provide the security families need when they need it the most. Thank you for your long term support.
- Sophia Miller Hamour joined our team as our volunteer safety officer. She brings a wealth of knowledge with her, holding experience in commercial aviation. She will continue to ensure Little Wings maintains a standard of excellence in safety which is a critical and core value of our organisation. A special thanks to SOUTHPAC who provided additional training on systems for Sophia, who have been a superb partner for the wider team. We can confidently say that our superb record of safety will continue long into the future.
- We welcome BRITAX to the Little Wings team as they recently came on board and provided a range of brand new booster, harness and capsule car seats to ensure we transport our passengers with care, safety and comfort every time. These resources were a welcome addition and have even our smallest passengers smiling from ear to ear. Thank you BRITAX!



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